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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub. No. 158X), Union Pacific Railroad Company –
Abandonment Exemption – In McPherson, Ellsworth and Rice Counties, Kansas
(Hoisington and McPherson Subdivisions)

~~STB Docket No. AB-406 (Sub. No. 12X) Central Kansas Railway Limited Liability
Company – Discontinuance Exemption – In McPherson, Ellsworth and Rice
Counties, Kansas~~

Dear Mr. Williams:

On October 24, 2000, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and Central Kansas Railway Limited Liability Company (CKR) jointly filed a Petition for Exemption to permit UP to abandon and CKR to discontinue service over a 28.02 mile line of railroad (1) between Milepost 523.02 near Geneseo to Milepost 495.80 near Lindsborg, Kansas (Hoisington Subdivision); and (2) between Milepost 531.40 to Milepost 530.60 near Lindsborg, Kansas (McPherson Subdivision). In a letter to the Board dated April 6, 2001, CKR consummated discontinuance of service over the entire Line. In letters to the Board dated March 11, 2002 and dated March 15, 2002, UP consummated abandonment of the Hoisington Subdivision from Milepost 523.02 near Geneseo to Milepost 506.5 near Marquette and from Milepost 504.5 near Marquette to MP 497.4 near Lindsborg. The rest of the Line was encumbered by trail use conditions, from Milepost 497.4 to Milepost 495.8 on the Hoisington Subdivision and all of the McPherson Subdivision with the City of Lindsborg; and from Milepost 506.5 to Milepost 504.5 with the City of Marquette. The trail use conditions were extended numerous times to facilitate acquisition of the right-of-way by the Cities of Lindsborg and Marquette. The trail use conditions were last extended to October 28, 2003 to the City of Marquette and to February 24, 2004 to the City of Marquette. By the Board's Decisions served May 7, 2003 and August 27, 2003, respectively.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Board that on October 17, 2003, that portion of the Line between Milepost 497.4 to Milepost 495.8 on the Hoisington Subdivision and all of the McPherson Subdivision between Milepost 531.40 to Milepost 530.60 that was subjected to the National Trails System Act was conveyed by UP to the City of Lindsborg. On December 11, 2003, that portion of the Line between Milepost 506.5 to Milepost 504.5 that was subject to the National Trails System Act was conveyed by UP to the City of Marquette. The conveyances were pursuant to the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d). The properties will be used and controlled by the Cities of Lindsborg and Marquette, Kansas.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

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